

House Study Bill 38

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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the compulsory school attendance age and
2 providing effective dates.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 299.1A, Code 2009, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:
1 3 299.1A COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGE.
1 4 A child who has reached the age of six and is under ~~sixteen~~
1 5 ~~seventeen~~ years of age by September 15 is of compulsory
1 6 attendance age. However, if a child enrolled in a school
1 7 district or accredited nonpublic school reaches the age of
1 8 ~~sixteen~~ ~~seventeen~~ on or after September 15, the child remains
1 9 of compulsory age until the end of the regular school
1 10 calendar.
1 11 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 299.14 SCHOOL DISTRICT DROPOUT
1 12 PREVENTION MEASURES.
1 13 1. The board of directors of each school district shall
1 14 take every opportunity to prevent students from dropping out
1 15 of school. Actions which a school district may take to
1 16 prevent students from dropping out of school include but are
1 17 not limited to general education interventions, alternative
1 18 program placement, alternative school placement, provision of
1 19 support and supplemental services, individual and family
1 20 intervention or therapy, truancy mediation, and coordination
1 21 with other student support services.
1 22 2. The board of directors of each school district shall
1 23 make every effort to align and maximize funding streams that
1 24 may be used to support students who have the potential to drop
1 25 out of school.
1 26 Sec. 3. Section 299A.8, Code 2009, is amended to read as
1 27 follows:
1 28 299A.8 DUAL ENROLLMENT.
1 29 If a parent, guardian, or legal custodian of a child who is
1 30 receiving competent private instruction under this chapter ~~or~~
~~1 31 a child over compulsory age who is receiving private~~
~~1 32 instruction~~ submits a request, the child shall also be
1 33 registered in a public school for dual enrollment purposes.
1 34 If the child is enrolled in a public school district for dual
1 35 enrollment purposes, the child shall be permitted to
2 1 participate in any academic activities in the district and
2 2 shall also be permitted to participate on the same basis as
2 3 public school children in any extracurricular activities
2 4 available to children in the child's grade or group, and the
2 5 parent, guardian, or legal custodian shall not be required to
2 6 pay the costs of any annual evaluation under this chapter. If
2 7 the child is enrolled for dual enrollment purposes, the child
2 8 shall be included in the public school's basic enrollment
2 9 under section 257.6. A pupil who is participating only in
2 10 extracurricular activities shall be counted under section
2 11 257.6, subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (6). A pupil
2 12 enrolled in grades nine through twelve under this section
2 13 shall be counted in the same manner as a shared-time pupil
2 14 under section 257.6, subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph
2 15 (3).
2 16 Sec. 4. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance
2 17 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
2 18 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall
2 19 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid

2 20 received by the school district under section 257.16. This
2 21 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed
2 22 to meet all the state funding-related requirements of section
2 23 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding shall be
2 24 necessary for the full implementation of this Act by and
2 25 enforcement of this Act against all affected school districts.
2 26 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect July 1,
2 27 2010.

2 28 EXPLANATION

2 29 This bill raises the compulsory school attendance age from
2 30 16 to 17. The bill requires each school district to take
2 31 every effort to prevent students from dropping out of school,
2 32 and to align and maximize funding streams that may be used to
2 33 support students who have the potential to drop out of school.

2 34 The bill includes technical amendments to eliminate a
2 35 reference to the compulsory attendance age for purposes of
3 1 dual enrollment.

3 2 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
3 3 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of any
3 4 state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school
3 5 district from state school foundation aid received by the
3 6 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification
3 7 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state
3 8 mandate funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2.
3 9 The inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate
3 10 the requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any
3 11 state mandates included in the bill.

3 12 The bill takes effect July 1, 2010.

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